## IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant is amending the drawings by replacing the term "Conventional" in FIGS. 1-5 with the term --(Prior Art)--, per the Examiner's request for a legend on page 2 of the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002. Applicant maintains that this amendment is not an admission that what is shown in FIGS. 1-5 is "Prior Art," but rather is made to comply with Examiner's request. Applicants believe that the drawings are now allowable.

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance. Early notification to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted, SONNENSCHEIN NATH & ROSENTHAL Attorneys for Applicants

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2003, please amend the drawings by replacing in FIGS. 1-5 the word "Conventional" with the following legend stating --(Prior Art)--, as shown in red ink on the attached drawings of FIGS. 1-5.

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